GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTAKE CAPACITY OF HOSTELS GUEST HOUSES UNDER I.A.S.R.I.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) under ICAR has a number of hostels/guest houses meant fo scientists/officials visiting Delhi on tour;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the total intake capacity of these hostels/guest houses along with average number of vacant rooms per day during each of the last three years;

(d) whether ICAR is constructing a big hostel at the NASC complex, Pusa for touring officials; and

(e) if so, the total estimated cost involved and justification for its construction by diverting a part of World Bank loan, especially when enough accommodation is already available?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has one student-Hostel exclusively used by students and there is one Guest House known as Panse Hostel where visiting scientists/officials are accommodated depending upon availability.

(c) Out of 24 rooms in Panse Hostel, average vacancy over last three years is 9 rooms per day.However, in event of workshop, seminar or conferences organized, there is invariably acute crisis.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Estimated cost of Guest House at NASC Complex is Rs. 800 lakhs out of which Rs. 100 lakhs have been provided by Indiar Agricultural Universities Association. The Indian National Agricultural Research System has over 30000 scientists. Besides, ICAR has Memorandum of Understanding with a number of developing countries, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) institutions, and is required to associate with other national and international organizations.Thus, ICAR has planned to have this guesthouse, to accommodate participants of national and international scientific events and senior academicians and scientists visiting Delhi for interaction with ICAR.Academicians and Scientists visiting ICAR New Delhi experience acute accommodation problem. However, no funds have been diverted from World Bank Loan for construction of the Guest House.